

The Covina Redevelopment Agency Housing Division provides assistance to help residents find the appropriate resource for a variety of needs. Although the City/Agency does not provide many of the programs requested, information provided here will list agencies that do.

### **Help for Those Facing Homelessness**

[Click here](#)

### **Help for Those Facing Home Foreclosure**

Local telephone contact (626) 794-7191

[Click here](#) for additional resources and information.

**Housing Rights Center** [click here](#) for a list of resources for renters.

### **Housing Programs**

Under California Redevelopment Law, 20 percent of the tax increment generated by the Agency's project areas is to be placed into a set-aside fund and is to be utilized for qualifying housing related activities. The Housing Division oversees housing-related activities that benefit low to moderate income persons to help maintain, protect, and preserve the affordable housing stock in the City of Covina.

### **Rent Subsidy Programs**

The Agency provides a rent subsidy program for senior citizens at the Village Green Senior Apartments, (152 E. Covina Boulevard., Covina, CA 91722), the Smith Senior Housing project, (223 N. Citrus Avenue, Covina, CA 91723), and at various locations throughout the City. New applications are not being taken for this program. In addition, a rent subsidy is provided for

battered women and children through the YWCA WINGS program

### **Habitat for Humanity – Covina**

The Ontiveros family will be the proud new owners of the first ever Habitat for Humanity home in Covina, California. The Pomona Valley affiliate of the “international, nonprofit” Habitat for Humanity housing ministry is responsible for making the Ontiveros’ dream and many others come true in communities such as Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Glendora, Rancho Cucamonga, etc., and now Covina.

Through their tireless efforts to secure affordable housing for low income residents, Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity has partnered with the Covina Redevelopment Agency and Housing Department to obtain the necessary land and permits and starter funds to begin construction.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated and in high demand. If you would like to volunteer, there are many construction and non-construction activities to participate in and more specific volunteer opportunities will soon be available on the website, <http://www.habitatpv.org/index.html> .

Although the project has been planned and received approval, Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity is still seeking sponsors and support. Please call (909) 596-7098 for more information on how you, your business, or foundation can help with this exciting project.

### **Rental Assistance - Section 8**

### **Home Ownership Programs**

The City of Covina participates in several special loan programs that offer down payment and/or closing cost assistance to the home buyer. Several of the programs place a "silent second" on the property.

## "HOP" Program

The Home Ownership Program (HOP), operated by the County of Los Angeles, offers 0% interest loans to borrowers who have not owned a home in the last three years. Maximum loan amount is \$80,000, or 20% of the purchase price, whichever is less. The County of Los Angeles does not make loans. The homebuyer goes through the normal process of choosing a Realtor, finding a house and arranging financing with a participating lender. For more information about this program, call the "HOP" line at (323) 890-7281.

Some participating lenders in the program are:

International Mortgage	(Roy Swan)	(626) 339-9094
CitiMortgage	(Shellie Wejbe)	(818) 662-2424
Countrywide Home Loan, Inc.	(Jean-Louis Rutnam)	(626) 379-6029
American Home Mortgage Lending Corp.	(Desiree Serrano)	(909) 468-1600
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage	(Meredith Aceves)	(323) 721-1715
Guild Mortgage Company	(Kathy Akuzawa)	(909) 606-0641

A more detailed list of lenders can be obtained from the HOP office. Additional information can be obtained on this program by accessing the Los Angeles County Housing web site at [www.lacdc.org](http://www.lacdc.org), then under "programs" go to "First Time Buyers Programs" then the three Los Angeles County Homeownership programs. Mortgage Credit Certificate and Mortgage Revenue Bond programs may be available with the Home Ownership Program.

### [More Homeowner Information](#)